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Dear Prof. Burkhardt

"immune dysfunction" is plausible, but as that is an outcome of other pathological processes (e.g. HIV infection most notoriously) it rather begs the question to invoke it. Mercury and Chagas might be among the etiologies to consider; and a whole field of neuroimmunopsychiatry is emerging to deal with the psychosomatic boundary.

I'll ask around NYC among my colleagues to see who might be commended to take a closer look.

Yours, for peaceful '02

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